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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

James Oliver Romine Jr.,

No. 2:16-cv-00604-JJT

Plaintiff,

**MOTION TO EXCEED PAGE LIMIT ON
 DEFENDANT’S MOTION TO DISMISS**

vs.

James Nicholas Stanton,

Defendant.

Defendant James Nicholas Stanton respectfully requests an order permitting Defendant to file a *Motion to Dismiss* [Doc. 12] that exceeds by 4½ pages the 17-page limitation provided by Rule 7.2(e), Local Rules of Civil Procedure.

The present proceeding relates to a 10-count complaint for libel filed by Plaintiff James Olive Romine Jr. in his individual capacity. Mr. Romine seeks \$10,761,000 in damages. Defendant’s *Motion to Dismiss* provides background on Defendant’s business and the alleged defamatory statements and addresses how Plaintiff does not have standing to sue in his individual capacity for harm suffered by the Arizona limited liability company of which he is a manager, how Mr. Stanton is not subject to personal jurisdiction in Arizona, and how, in any event, none of the alleged statements can be considered libel under applicable law.

The highly factual nature of libel claims, and the legal analysis inherent in a motion to dismiss, necessitates the filing of a motion that consists of 22 pages in total, not including the Table of Contents and Table of Authorities. Defendant’s counsel has condensed the factual

1 summary and arguments as much as possible. However, providing the necessary factual
2 background and legal analysis requires more space than would ordinarily be the case.
3 Accordingly, Defendant respectfully requests that the Court authorize the *Motion to Dismiss* to
4 exceed the 17-page limit.

5 A proposed form of Order is submitted herewith. If the Court denies this Motion,
6 Defendant respectfully requests leave to refile the *Motion to Dismiss* either as three separate
7 documents (one addressing each ground for dismissal) or as a further condensed version of the
8 present Motion within the page limits set by local rule.

9 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 4th day of May, 2016.

10 **HARTMAN TITUS PLC**

11 By: /s/Bradley P. Hartman

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16 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

17 I hereby certify that on May 4, 2016, I caused the
18 foregoing document to be filed electronically with the
19 Clerk of Court through CM/ECF System for filing and
transmittal of Notice to the following CM/ECF registrant:

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